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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray, gracious God, that You would watch over us and keep us in Your favor, that You would support us in our endeavors and direct us in the right path, that You would sustain us in our endeavors and point us to the way of truth. O loving God, from whom we have come and to whom we shall return, may Your peace that passes all human understanding abound in our lives. Though we may depart from You, O God, may Your grace and mercy never depart from us. This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. BALLENGER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2064. An act to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic

Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia; and

H.R. 2243. An act to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1743. An act to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 1836. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 811. An act to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities, or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop such facilities, and for other purposes; and

S. 1720. An act to establish the Nicodemus National Historic Site and the New Bedford National Historic Landmark.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 641) "An Act to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GORTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MACK, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. GRAMS, as mem-

bers of the Senate delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group during the 2d Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in southeast Alaska, May 10-14, 1996.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276h-276k of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. COVERDELL, as members of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group during the 2d Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Zacatecas, Mexico, May 3-5, 1996.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 2, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Thursday, May 2nd at 4:15 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President wherein he returns without his approval H.R. 956, the "Common Sense Product Liability Legal Reform Act of 1996."

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT OF 1996—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. 104-207)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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